



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2011 NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA ROCKY
MOUNTAIN ELK HUNT, ARCHERY AND GENERAL
SEASONS**
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General Information: Congratulations on being drawn for the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt! The hunt area is highly variable, ranging from heavily forested, steep, and rugged terrain to high desert juniper-sage communities. Elk do not occur throughout the entire area so gathering information in advance of your hunt will be useful. We have prepared the following information to help you have a successful hunting experience.

All hunters should read and be familiar with regulations contained in the current Hunting Regulations booklet for Mammals and Furbearers. Please be aware that there were hunt boundary changes made in 2010. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). Section 364 describes the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk hunt area and hunting season. Most elk within the hunt area occur on public lands, however, occasionally animals are found on private property. Remember you must obtain **written** permission to hunt on private property.

Please remember that all hunters MUST return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season REGARDLESS of whether an elk was taken.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

Public Land: This zone contains a mixture of both public and private lands. Public lands within the zone are administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS); Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Pkwy Redding, CA 96002, (530) 244-2978, the Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097, (530) 842-6131, the Modoc National Forest, 800 West 12th Street Alturas, (530) 233-5811, and the Lassen National Forest, 55 S. Sacramento Street, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-2151 and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); 355 Hemsted Road, Redding, CA 96002, (530) 224-2100 and 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA 96058, (530) 233-4666.

Access: Although there is private land within the zone, there are extensive tracts of public lands with excellent access. However, please be aware that some National Forest roads may be closed to vehicle access during the hunting season to protect natural resources or because they are impassible. Generally, these areas are open to hunting provided access is made by non-motorized vehicle. From August 15 through March 31 there are Road Closure Management restrictions on certain USFS roads administered by the Goosenest Ranger District, 37805 Highway 97, Macdoel, CA 96058, (530) 398-4391.

Maps: The most comprehensive maps of the hunt area are the Shasta-Trinity, Modoc, and Klamath National Forest maps. National Forest maps are available for a small fee and provide general information regarding the location of public lands and roads. USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered

by phone (406-329-3024), fax (406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O. Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/>. District transportation maps are sometimes available for a small fee. These maps depict many roads not identified on general National Forest maps. United States Geological Service (USGS) topographic maps are very helpful, especially to depict topographic features not displayed on USFS maps. USGS maps are usually available at backpacking and engineering stores or you can contact USGS directly at (650) 853-8300. You can also order USGS maps online at www.usgs.gov. BLM maps are available at all BLM offices or you can contact the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 978-4400.

Weather: Weather in this region is highly variable. It may be quite warm but early storms are common. Snow during your hunting season would be unusual but heavy rains can occur making some roads impassable. You should be prepared with appropriate clothing and equipment for a variety of weather conditions. There is a potential for fire due to the high fuel loading and lightning events that occur in this zone. Check with the US Forest Service for the most up to date news on closures at www.fs.fed.us. Be aware that refunds or tags will not be reissued due to fire closures.

Camping: There are numerous designated campgrounds within the zone. Facilities available at these campgrounds vary from primitive campsites to those with running water and showers. Most campgrounds are clearly marked on USFS and BLM maps. Camping outside of designated campgrounds is usually permitted on BLM and USFS lands however, during fire season special regulations may apply and it will be necessary to obtain a fire permit from the USFS or BLM. You can also check with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection office for rules in specific areas.

Care of Meat: Temperatures during the elk hunting season can be quite warm, even with mild temperatures an improperly handled carcass can lead to spoilage. The weather and rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are physically fit and prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or de-bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in fly-proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

Deer Season Overlap: Please be aware that the first five days of the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk ARCHERY season overlap with deer archery season in the X zones. Most of the GENERAL elk season overlaps with the C2 general deer season. Therefore, on those dates you may encounter deer hunters in the field, within the mentioned zones.

Outfitters and Guides: Outfitters and guides offer a variety of services for elk hunters interested in hunting. Many have limited space so be sure to contact them as soon as possible to reserve their services. A list of outfitters and guides permitted by the US Forest Service within the hunt area is available from the U.S. Forest Service. It is your responsibility to verify any guides you retain have a **current guide license** issued by the Department of Fish and Game. If you plan to hunt on the US Forest Service property your guides will also need to be **permitted** with the US Forest Service. Failure to verify the proper licenses required may result in a citation to both the hunter and guide. A list of licensed guides can be obtained online (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/>). Scroll down to the Related Information section and select Big Game Guide List.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt, please contact Mr. Richard Shinn at (530) 233-3581 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!